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Nature of Call: Main Jail Inmate Attacks Correctional Officer

Location of Call: Main Jail, Auburn

Case Number: SO-05-2510

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

An inmate in the Placer County Main Jail attacked a Correctional Officer yesterday during dinner, causing moderate injuries to the officer.

Inmate James Charles Swanson, 26, attacked correctional Officer Charles Lemley while Lemley was preparing to provide Swanson a dinner tray. As Lemley, 31, stood by Swanson's partially opened cell door, Swanson forced the door open and immediately attacked Lemley, punching and choking him. Lemley fought back and was aided by two inmate workers and several jail staff members in subduing Swanson.

Lemley received a cut to his forehead, a possible concussion, and bruises and abrasions to his arms and neck. He was treated and released from a local hospital.



James Charles Swanson

Swanson, of Roseville, was in custody on attempted murder charges from an incident that occurred in Roseville on January 27, 2005. Swanson was booked on an additional charge of attempted murder as a result of his attack on Lemley.

Attacks on correctional staff by inmates is a rare occurrence in Placer County, however this incident is a reminder to all that working in a correctional setting is a dangerous job.